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SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM POSTAL SERVICE FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING
CONSTRUCTORA REPUBLICA, S.A.

REF: STATE 98656

1. INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE EMBASSY'S COMMERICAL INTEL-
LIGENCE DIVISION AND THE LEGAL ATTACHE'S OFFICE INDICATES
THAT MAURICE ABRAHAM RAPOPORT IS NOT CONNECTED WITH THE
MEXICAN FIRM OF CONSTRUCTORA REPUBLICA. THE ONLY FIRM KNOWN
BY THAT NAME IN MEXICO CITY IS LOCATED AT INDEPENDENCIA
72-100, MEXICO CITY. ITS LISTED OFFICERS DO NOT INCLUDE
RAPOPORT AND DIRECT INQUIRIES REVEAL THAT HE IS UNKNOWN TO
THE FIRM.

2. THE ADDRESS OF 213 REFORMA (MEXICO CITY) IS, IN FACT,
THE ADDRESS OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION OF THE SOCIEDAD
MEXICANA DE CREDITO INDUSTRIAL S.A. WITH THE ASSISTANCE
OF THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS OF THE BANK OF
MEXICO, IT WAS LEARNED THAT THIS SOCIETY DOES CARRY INVEST-
MENT ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF MAURICE ABRAHAM RAPOPORT
AND ALSO IN THE NAME OF CONSTRUCTORA REPUBLICA S.A.
THE ACCOUNTS, ONE OF WHICH IS ACCOUNT NUMBER 40032
CONTAIN INVESTMENTS APPROACHING EIGHT MILLION
PESOS. THESE INVESTMENTS ARE FOR THE MOST PART TIME
DEPOSITS FOR FIXED PERIODS OF EIGHT AND TWELVE YEARS.
MONTHLY INTEREST AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY EIGHT THOUSAND
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3. RAPOPORT HAD TOLD THE SOCIEDAD MEXICANA DE CREDITO THAT HE WAS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CONSTRUCTORA REPUBLICA S.A. BUT DID NOT SUPPLY ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. HE ALSO GAVE A SAN FRANCISCO ADDRESS OF 4754 MISSION STREET AS THE ADDRESS OF THE FIRM.

4. IT WAS FURTHER LEARNED THAT ON MARCH 29, 1976 RAPOPORT SENT TO THE SOCIEDAD MEXICANA DE CREDITO INDUSTRIAL, S.A., A LETTER ENCLOSING DOCUMENTS FOR THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION PESOS AND THAT AMONG THE DOCUMENTS CONTAINED IN THE LETTER WAS A CHECK OR DRAFT OF THE FIDELITY SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000. THE SOCIEDAD MEXICANA DE CREDITO INDUSTRIAL, S.A. FORWARDED THE INSTRUMENT FOR COLLECTION. THE ITEM WAS RETURNED BY THE FIDELITY SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION AS A STOPPED PAYMENT ITEM, AND THE NEW INVESTMENT CONTRACT WAS NEVER EXECUTED.

5. THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS OF THE BANCO DE MEXICO ALSO ADVISED THAT ON SOME OCCASIONS CHECKS REPRESENTING INTEREST EARNED ON THE VARIOUS ACCOUNTS OF RAPOPORT HAVE BEEN FORWARDED BY THE SOCIEDAD MEXICANA DE CREDITO INDUSTRIAL, S.A., TO UNKNOWN PERSONS AND ADDRESSES IN BOMBAY, INDIA AND NASSAU, BAHAMAS.

6. IN THE EMBASSY'S VIEW THE LEGITIMATE FIRM OF CONSTRUCTORA REPUBLICA OF AVENIDA INDEPENDENCIA HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THE CASE. WHILE WE ARE UNAWARE OF WHAT RAPOPORT MAY HAVE AT THE MISSION STREET SAN FRANCISCO ADDRESS, IF ANYTHING, THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYTHING SOLID TO FOLLOW UP ON IN MEXICO CITY.
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